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A file image of Sukesh Chandrasekhar being arrested by Delhi Police | PTI

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ACTOR JACQUELINE STOPPED FROM LEAVING THE COUNTRY

Officials stop Jacqueline Fernandez at Mumbai airport over a look-out notice on a ₹200-crore money laundering case

RECIPIENT OF CONMAN'S EXPENSIVE GIFTS?

The Bollywood actor was named in an ED chargesheet filed on Saturday against smooth-talking conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar, who has a long record of duping the rich. The ED said the 32-year-old sent Jacqueline lavish gifts worth ₹10 crore, including a ₹52-lakh horse and a Persian cat valued at ₹9 lakh. On Sunday, Jacqueline was to fly to Dubai for a show

NORA MENTIONED IN CHARGESHEET TOO

- The ED has charged Sukesh, a Bengaluru native, as well as his wife, actor Leena Maria Paul, for extorting ₹200 crore from a businessman's wife while he was lodged in Delhi's Tihar jail
- Sukesh also sent gifts to actor Nora Fatehi. Recently, pictures of Sukesh and Jacqueline being casually intimate went viral online

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WORTH OF GIFTS THAT INCLUDED A BMW CAR SENT TO NORA, REPORTS SAY

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New clusters erupt near B'luru, C'magaluru dist

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AMID rising scare over the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 virus, a big cluster with 70 positive cases emerged at the Jawahar Navodaya Residential School in Seegodu near Balehonnur in Chikkamagaluru district, even as 12 more positive cases were detected in two existing clusters at educational institutions near Anekal and Whitefield on the outskirts of Bengaluru. A small cluster of three cases was reported at a pharmaceutical manufacturing factory in Bommasandra Industrial Area in Bengaluru.

At the school in Seegodu, three students and four staffers tested positive on Friday. Alarmed district health officials on Saturday took swab samples of 418 students and staff, which showed 40 as positive. Again on Sunday, when corona tests continued, another 30 students were positive, taking the total to 70. District health officials said that all of them are asymptomatic and none of them have had a travel history. All those staying at the school have been quarantined, health and nursing staff pressed into service and the school has been sealed.

On Bengaluru outskirts, 10 staff members and students of two educational institutions, one near Anekal and the other near Whitefield that were identified as clusters on November 25 and 26, tested positive on Sunday. Three others were positive during random tests at a pharmaceutical factory in Bommasandra Industrial Area, which is now designated a cluster.

Seven, including six students and a cook, tested positive on Sunday at Spurthy Nursing College in Marsur near Anekal. The college was already declared a cluster on November 26 when 12 had tested positive. The six students are women aged between 17 and 22. **P3**

CENTRAL AGENCIES REFUSE TO GIVE INFO TO BBMP ON GENOME SEQUENCE TESTS

Bengaluru: The State Government and BBMP are waiting with bated breath for the results of the genome sequencing tests conducted on some primary contacts of the first two cases with Omicron. But Central agencies that have conducted the tests are refusing to give information, delaying the response by government authorities. **P3**

INDIA REPORTS 17 NEW OMICRON CASES

New Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur: On a day when Delhi reported its first case of the Omicron Covid variant, Maharashtra reported seven new cases, and Rajasthan nine, four of whom are from one family. All of Sunday's cases were foreign returnees, mainly from Africa. With this, India's tally has touched 21.

NATION WIDE	DEC 04	DEC 05
Fresh cases	8,603	8,895
Recoveries	8,190	6,918
Deaths	415	2,796

KARNATAKA	DEC 04	DEC 05
Fresh cases	397	456
Recoveries	277	330
Deaths	4	6

Encounter goes horribly wrong in Nagaland, 15 civilians killed

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

A blundered ambush by security forces on Saturday evening and its fallout led to the killing of 15 civilians in Nagaland's Mon district, forcing the state government and the Army to order independent probes.

Saturday's civilian toll of 13 climbed after two others were killed when a mob of over 1,000 people attacked an Assam Rifles camp in Mon town, torching its canteen, gate etc. Several apex tribal organisations decided to withdraw from the state's ongoing Hornbill festival in protest.

Official sources said four of the six civilians injured during Saturday's violence were admitted to a hospital in Mon while the remaining two were taken to Assam Medical College and Hospital in Dibrugarh. Local tribal organisations claimed 11 persons were injured and two were reported missing.

Given the volatile situation and the likely breach of public peace and tranquility, the state government suspended mobile internet/data service/bulk SMS in the entire Mon district. The district administration prohibited the gathering of more than five persons at a time in public under Section 144 of the CrPC.

An Assam Rifles camp in Mon town of Nagaland on fire after a mob attack on Sunday, following the killing of civilians by mistake the previous day | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

> Deepest condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives. A high-level SIT constituted by the state govt will thoroughly probe this incident to ensure justice to the bereaved families
>
> Amit Shah, Union Home Minister

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, who was in Delhi, rushed to Nagaland. Later in the evening, he chaired a meeting of his cabinet. He will visit Mon on Monday to attend the funeral.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "This is heart wrenching. GOI must give a real reply. What exactly is the home ministry doing when neither civilians nor security personnel are safe in our own land?"

In what looks like a total intelligence failure, defence personnel had ambushed eight daily wagers at Oting after mistaking them as militants. The victims were returning home in a pick-up truck from a coal mine on Saturday around 5 pm. Six of the civilians were killed and two others injured, a senior district official said requesting anonymity.

When locals heard the sound of gunshots, they rushed to the area, leading to a retaliatory attack in which seven more civilians were killed. An Army jawan, who was grievously injured, succumbed to his injuries. The locals also set ablaze vehicles of defence personnel.

On Sunday morning, Nagaland's Dimapur-based 3 Corps issued a statement stating that a specific operation was planned to be conducted in the area of Tiru in Mon based on credible intelligence of the likely movement of insurgents. "The cause of the unfortunate loss of lives is being investigated at the highest level," it said, adding members of the security forces, too, suffered severe injuries.

When pictures and videos of the slain civilians went viral on social media, it triggered a public outrage. People registered their protests out on the streets in some parts of the state. In commercial hub Dimapur, hundreds of them congregated outside the district magistrate's office and staged a protest.

The Naga Students' Federation unfurled its flag at half-mast in protest against the killings. Insurgent group NSCN-IM, the key player in the Naga peace talks, described it as "black day" for the Nagas. "It is learned the killing was the work of the trigger-happy 21st Para Commandos/Assam Rifles," the outfit said in a statement. **P9**

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New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Monday will hear a plea by Delhi Airport Metro Express, seeking execution of an arbitral award of over ₹4,600 crore against Delhi Metro Rail Corporation. The judge had issued notice on the Anil Ambani-led Reliance Infrastructure subsidiary's execution plea in September.

Panel mulls extra dose for vulnerable groups

New Delhi: In a meeting on Monday, the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation in the Union health ministry will consider a booster Covid vaccine dose for immuno-compromised people, including transplant recipients, cancer patients on therapy and those suffering from AIDS.

AMIT SHAH
JOLT TO VASUNDHARA

In a major jolt to former Rajasthan CM Vasundhra Raje, the Union Home Minister on Sunday told the BJP state unit that the next Assembly polls will be fought under collective leadership. In other words, there will be no CM face | **P10**

K'taka stands last in South in poverty index: Report

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THE quality of life in Karnataka has improved significantly in the last five years as more people now have better access to cooking fuel, sanitation, drinking water and electricity. But in some other parameters, including nutrition and maternal health, Karnataka is behind all other southern states.

While Karnataka has done much better than many states in North India and has only slightly underperformed in comparison with its Southern neighbours, the development within the state has not reached all parts. The National Multidimensional Poverty Index, released by the NITI Aayog recently, points to an increased gap between districts in the south and Kalyana Karnataka and Kittur Karnataka regions. Economists and experts pointed out that the anomaly is because of the policy decisions and it is man-made. Underdeveloped regions need more investment and focus, they added.

Though Karnataka has improved in certain criteria over the last five years, it stands in fourth place among five Southern states. **P4**

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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
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MAHAPARINIRVAN DIVAS
(December 6, 2021)

Venue: In front of Vidhana Soudha (East Gate), Bengaluru.
Time: 10.00 a.m.

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Social Welfare Department

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